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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Gonzalez et al.

Serial No.: 10/032,801

Filed: December 27, 2001

For: CONTROLLED RELEASE POWDER ENTRAPMENT
COMPOSITIONS FOR HYDROPHOBIC INGREDIENT

Examiner: R.M. Bennett

Art Unit: 1615

Confirmation No.: 7223

Docket No.: 682.0023USU

**BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Washington, D.C. 20231**

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL FORM

We are enclosing an Amendment in the above-identified application.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$_____ to extend the time for filing this response until _____.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	27	Minus	49	0	x \$18.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims	4	Minus	5	0	x \$84.00	\$0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE				x \$280.00 = \$		
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES				\$0.00		
½ FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY STATUS				\$0.00		

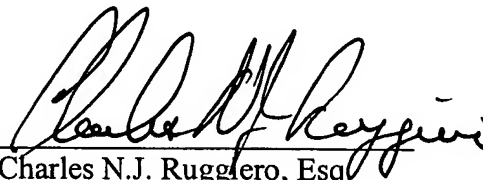
___ A Request for Extension of Time is attached.

___ A check in the amount of \$ 0.00 is attached.

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 01-0467**. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

April 14, 2003

Date



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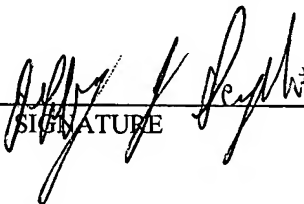
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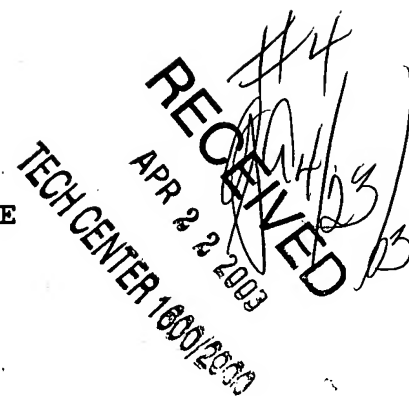
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AMENDMENT

Box Non-Fee Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 14, 2003,
please reconsider the claims in view of the election set forth
below:

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 21, 23, 24, 37 to 47 and 49 remain pending.

Claims 1 to 49 are subject to restriction under 35 U.S.C.
121. Claims 1 to 21, 23, 24, 37 to 47 and 49 are drawn to a
composition and have been designated as Group I. Claims 22, 25